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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A joint system comprising:

a first member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a first predetermined thickness;

a cavity formed in the first member that has a predetermined inner partially curved contour, that is exposed at the first surface of the first member and along a portion of an edge of the first member, and that has a depth that extends a predetermined distance below the first surface, and wherein the depth of the cavity is a predetermined portion of the thickness of the first member; and

a second member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a second predetermined thickness, and having a tab with an outer partially curved contour that substantially matches the inner contour of the cavity in the first member so that the tab fits within the cavity, which tab a thickness that substantially matches the depth of the cavity formed in the first member.

- 2. The joint system recited in Claim 1 wherein the thicknesses of the first and second members are substantially the same.
- 3. The joint system recited in Claim 1 wherein the inner contour of the cavity and the outer contour of the tab are sized to allow a glue to be disposed therebetween.
- 4. The joint system recited in Claim 1 wherein the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and the outer partially curved contour of the tab have the shape of a piece of a puzzle.
- 5. The joint system recited in Claim 1 wherein the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and the outer partially curved contour of the tab have the shape of a molar tooth.
 - 6. A joint system comprising:

a first member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a first predetermined thickness that comprises a cavity having a predetermined inner contour, that is exposed at the first surface, that is exposed along a portion of an edge of

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5 the first member, and that has a depth that extends a predetermined distance below the first surface; and

a second member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a second predetermined thickness, that comprises a tab with an outer contour that substantially matches the inner contour of the cavity and that fits within the cavity.

- 7. The joint system recited in Claim 6 wherein the depth of the cavity and the thickness of the tab are substantially the same.
- 8. The joint system recited in Claim 6 wherein the thicknesses of the first and second members are substantially the same.
- 9. The joint system recited in Claim 6 wherein the inner contour of the cavity and the outer contour of the tab are sized to allow a glue to be disposed therebetween.
- 10. The joint system recited in Claim 6 wherein the inner contour of the cavity and the outer contour of the tab have the shape of a piece of a puzzle.
- 11. The joint system recited in Claim 6 wherein the inner contour of the cavity and the outer contour of the tab have the shape of a molar tooth.
 - 12. A joint system comprising:
- a first member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a first predetermined thickness that comprises a cavity having a predetermined inner partially curved contour, that is exposed at the first surface, that is exposed along a portion of an edge of the first member, and that has a depth that extends a predetermined distance below the first surface; and
- a second member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed surfaces, and a second predetermined thickness, that comprises a tab with an outer partially curved contour that substantially matches the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and that fits within the cavity.
- 13. The joint system recited in Claim 12 wherein the depth of the cavity and the thickness of the tab are substantially the same.

- 14. The joint system recited in Claim 12 wherein the thicknesses of the first and second members are substantially the same.
- 15. The joint system recited in Claim 12 wherein the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and the outer partially curved contour of the tab are sized to allow a glue to be disposed therebetween.
- 16. The joint system recited in Claim 12 wherein the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and the outer partially curved contour of the tab have the shape of a piece of a puzzle.
- 17. The joint system recited in Claim 12 wherein the inner partially curved contour of the cavity and the outer partially curved contour of the tab have the shape of a molar tooth.